Subsidy on Food items being sold through public distribution system

@1721-B. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given on all the items being sold through the Public Distribution System: year-wise during the last three years:

(b) the details of subsidy for each such item given in the current year:

(c) whether Government are aware of leakage from the Public Distribution System: and

(d) if so, the details of such leakage and the steps being taken to curb the leakage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The subsidy given on items distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the year 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under: -

Commodity	Subsidy (Rs. in crore)			
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (till July)
Rice and Wheat	2200.00	2432.00	2142.42	600.00
Sugar	Nil	44.90	307.58	N.A.
Imported Edible Oil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Kerosene: Information is being collected.

(c) and (d) The distribution of essential commodities through fair price shops under PDS is primarily administered by the State Governments and UT Administrations. They have been advised to tighten the monitoring and inspection machinery to check diversion of PDS items and to ensure their timely availability to consumers. State Govenments/UT Administrations have reported that they take action to check diversion and other malpractices.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1820 transferred fom the 21st August, 1991.

12.00 NOON

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS (1989-90) OF THE INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE, CALCUTTA AND RELATED PAPERS

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the followng papers :—

(i) Fifty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, for the year 1989-90,